

REMARKS

The present application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated March 17, 2011. Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 16 and 27 are pending in the application, of which Claims 1 and 16 are independent. Claims 7 and 9 have been cancelled herein without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that Claim 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of independent Claim 1 and intervening Claim 7. Based on that indication, Claims 7 and 9 have been cancelled, and the substance thereof incorporated into independent Claims 1 and 16. Thus, it is believed that all claims are fully in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 2, 5 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over the article by Zhang et al. entitled “Dynamic Selection and Effective Compression of Key Frames for Video Abstraction” (Zhang) in view of the article by Ferman et al. entitled “Robust Color Histogram Descriptors for Video Segment Retrieval and Identification” (Ferman). Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Zhang in view of Ferman, and further in view of U.S. Patent 6,342,904 (Vasudevan). Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Zhang in view of Ferman, and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication 2005/0028213 (Adler). Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Zhang in view of Ferman and Vasudevan, and further in view of Official Notice. Claims 7 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Zhang in view of Ferman and Vasudevan, and further in view of U.S. Patent 6,782,049 (Dufaux). The foregoing actions have been taken without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding the correctness of the rejections, in an effort to obtain an earlier

allowance of the subject application and to expedite issuance. Accordingly, this should be viewed as a traversal of the rejections.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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